

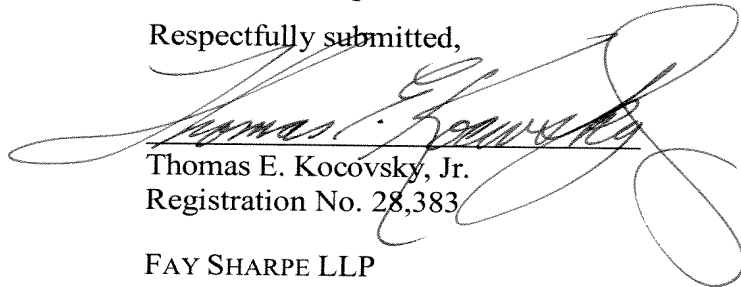
**REMARKS**

This Board of Appeals has been remanding appealed applications back to the Examiner to consider 35 U.S.C. § 101 issues in light of *In re Bilski*. To resolve this issue prospectively, the applicant proposes to amend claim 1 to add a transformative step.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that *In re Bilski* raises 35 U.S.C. § 101 issues regarding the method claims of the present application, then it is requested that the Examiner enter this Amendment.

An early allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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